

## **COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION**

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<b>Title of Walk</b>	GR11 – Day 39. Planoles to Nuria
<b>Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)</b>	Planoles
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km</b>	15.5
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m</b>	1370
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops</b>	4.25hr 5.5hr
<b>Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)</b>	VS/B
<b>Grid reference of start point (if known)</b>	Lat:- 42.316137, Long: 2.102772
<b>Directions to Start</b>	From the N outskirts of Barcelona th C17 road runs N past Vic and Ripoll where it gives out to the N260 road. Follow this for some 23km to reach the village of Planoles. The Restaurant Cal Daldo is in the middle in Plaza Baronia.
<b>Short walk description</b>	A rising traverse across the flanks of Puigmal – one of Catalunya's highest mountains – avoiding the official GR11 descent to Qeralbs and re-ascent to Nuria (our final destination).
<b>Full Walk Description</b>	<div> <div> <p>From Hotel Font Cal Daldo walk uphill past several shops to reach a turning on the left-Career del Font - which has a finger post signed to the GR11. Follow this steeply uphill forking right to cross the main road and continue up a concrete track.</p> <p>Swing around to the L and then this leads L at a fork into a grassy and then muddy track ascending steeply and curving right to join a concrete track where we continue ahead and turn left at a tarmac road.</p> <p>Work uphill and turn left into Camping Can Fosses with a finger post pointing left and then after a few metres at a second post turn right onto a steep lane and then footpath. Cross a forest ride and reach a spur which we walk up to the left.</p> <p>Cross a road and turn right up a bank on the other side now following numerous Y/W flashes.</p> </div> <div> <p><b>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</b></p> <p>800m, 14min</p> <p>1.6km, 28min</p> </div> </div>

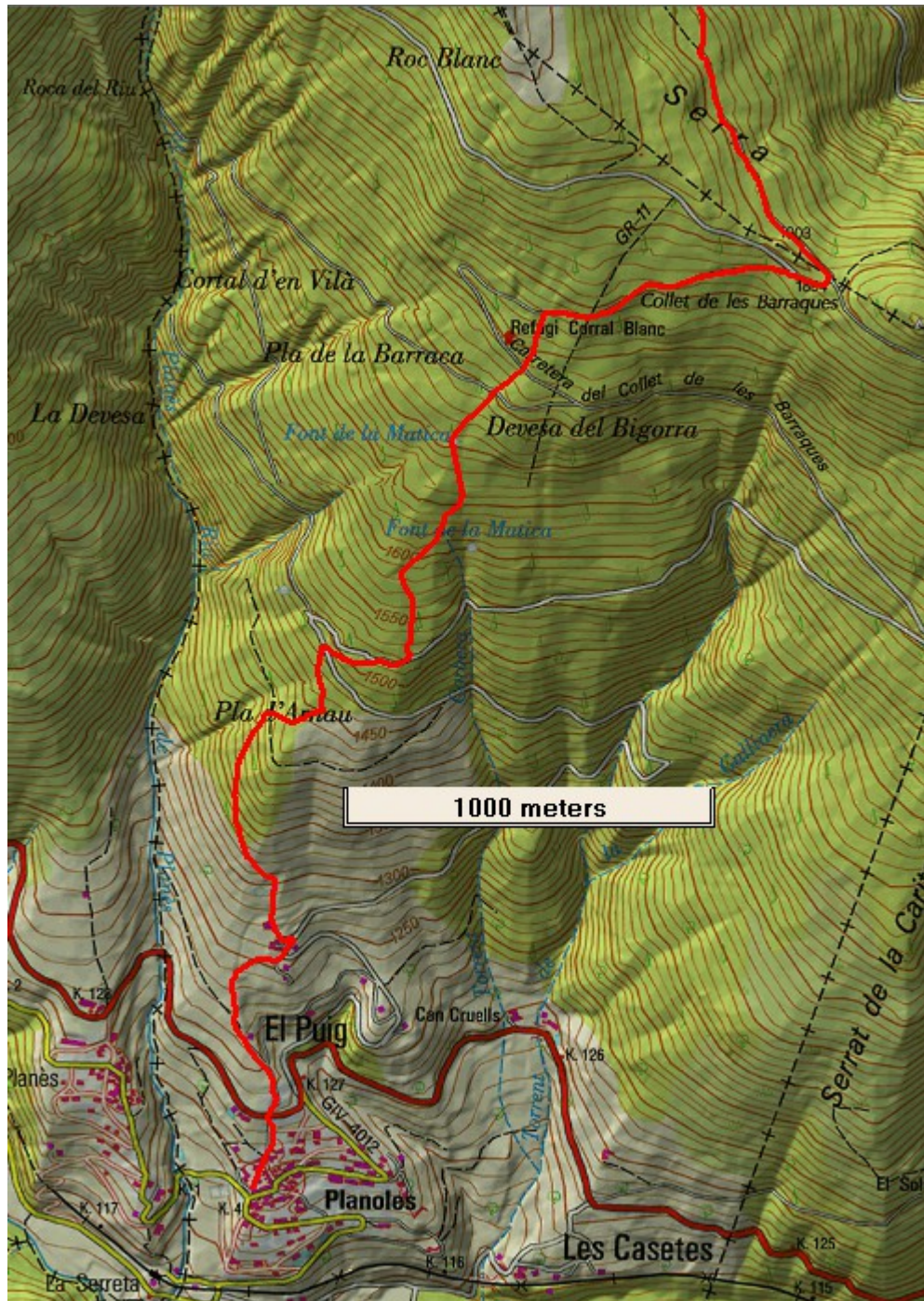
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Meet the road and turn right and look for a R/W flash on the left which we pass to find an easier ascent 5m later up a wide ride soon forking left. Steep section.	2.2km, 39min
Cross a poorly defined ride.	
Meet and cross a forest track and then a tarmac road above which is a campsite with fire pits and water source. Climb steeply uphill to reach the road again and turn right along it.	3.2km, 1hr 8min
Walk ahead past picnic benches as the tarmac ends. Keep ahead and turn left across a cattle grid onto a level track.	4.1km, 1hr 19min
Follow this until it enters open pasture and here ignore the clear line swinging left across meadows and instead walk slightly right into woodland.	4.8km, 1hr 28min
Continue along this path to reach a broad river in open territory. Cross a bridge and turn left.	6.2km, 1hr 47min
Climb steeply and swing steadily right to walk above the descending valley.	
Walk around many spurs along this rising traverse watching out for several occasions where the path unaccountably moves up left several metres before continuing.	
Reach a spur with a wooden post marker and work up half left to find a second post and the continuing path.	10.1km, 2hr 52min
When the path finally starting to descend reach a confusing finger post which you can ignore as long as you zigzag down towards open ground with clear views ahead to the Santuario de Nuria.	
<b>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</b>	None

See maps below.....

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**Route followed is outlined in Red** (start from bottom of each map)



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